

SENATE BILL 1848

By Cooper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54,
Chapter 7 and Title 65, Chapter 15, relative to
county highway motor vehicles.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 65, Chapter 15, Part 1, is amended by
adding a new section thereto, as follows:

Section 65-15-128.

(a) Every motor vehicle employed by a county or metropolitan highway
department shall be maintained in a safe and sanitary condition at all times and shall be
at any reasonable time subject to inspection by the commissioner of safety or a duly
authorized designee of the commissioner.

(b) The commissioner may impose reasonable penalties against a county
highway or metropolitan highway department that does not maintain its vehicles in a safe
and sanitary condition. The commissioner may prohibit unsafe vehicles from being used
until the unsafe conditions are remedied.

(c) The provisions of this section do not apply to motor vehicles used exclusively
for transporting liquid asphalt or any product containing liquid asphalt as one of its
ingredients, provided the commissioner of safety or a duly authorized designee may
inspect such vehicles for purposes of safety.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 65-15-113(a), is amended by
deleting the word "and" at the end of subdivision (2), by deleting the period at the end of
subdivision (3) and by substituting instead the punctuation and word "; and", and by adding a
new subdivision thereto, as follows:

(4) County and metropolitan highway departments.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.